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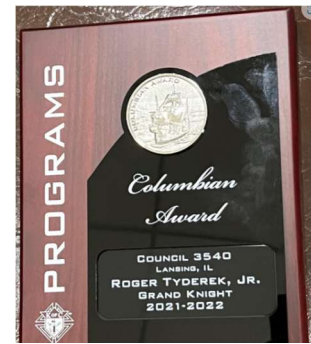


LANSING COUNCIL # 3540

COLUMBIAN AWARD FOR: FRATERNAL YEAR 2021-2022

FOR THE LANSING COUNCIL

Presented to: Grand Knight Roger S. Tyderek, Jr. from District Deputy Keith Betton:



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother and Sir Knights, Welcome to 2023! My hope is this will be a great year! Our council participated in many

events this December. Our Children's Christmas Party took place on December 10th. We have over 42 children. It was nice to see so many families. I'd like to thank my wife, Elayne Tyderek, my children, Jen Siatta, and Bob Layne for their help. The Johnny Cash Christmas Show was well attended. Thank you Mike Kabala and all the many volunteers who helped that evening. Thank you to PGK Chris Siatta for handling our Coat Drive. I had the pleasure of attending the FOP Santa Run. It was great to see the coats being given away. The Swim Team also had a Santa Party on December 13th. There were many excited young adults. Thanks to all of the coaches and volunteers who participated. Don't forget to attend our Pancake Breakfast on January 15th. I would really like members to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at barroger1@yahoo.com or 708.474.7604. Please continue to pray for our church community and for all the members and their families.

COLUMBIAN LADIES REPORT

MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY!

Happy New Year! Columbian Ladies is in the process of reorganizing our club. We hope to have everything worked out by the next newsletter. May 2023 be a great year for us all. If you wish to join the Columbian Ladies, you can attend one of our monthly meetings held on the fourth Monday of the month, September through November, and March through June. Dues are \$10 per year. Membership is open to any Catholic or Christian female who is 18 years old or older. For more information, contact us at columbianladies3540@gmail.com. Elayne Tyderek, President.

CARMELITE HOME DRIVE

LET YOUR CO-CHAIPERSONS KNOW ASAP!

The council is starting a new Financial Fund Drive for the Carmelite Home. They had a severe fire two years ago and they lost part of the second floor in the front of their building. So we are asking for cash donations of the Carmelite home. On December 17, 2022, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skarwecki delivered \$450.00 to the Carmelite home, which now cares for 11 children. Further donations can be made in person or mail a check to our council hall in addressed to Lansing Council, 17800 Lorenz Ave, Lansing, IL 60438. An electronic donation can be done via our PayPal account (leaving a message the money is for the Carmelite Home). If you have any questions, please contact Bill Skarwecki or Pete Marx for more info.,

ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR DUES?

PGK Peter Marx, Financial Secretary

Council dues for the year 2023 were mailed out before Christmas. Please pay them as soon as possible. Your dues help our council support many programs. You can pay your dues by mailing in a check, attending our General Meetings or on PayPal - search for "Lansing Council #3540". If you have a change of address or a new telephone number, let the Financial Secretary know. We can US postal mail or electronically (email) this newsletter to you. So, keep us updated on how you would like to be notified from the council. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please contact the Financial Secretary.

Council Sick

Pray for those IN NEED!

Please, keep all our members and ladies in your prayers as we must intercede in prayer for them; SK Ron & Joan Fisher, SK Jose Chavez, Jr., Joan Cipich, Greg Howe, Dorothy Fill, Martha Pope, Rita Sanchez, GK Roger S. Tyderek, Jr., PGK Ken Cuprisin.

Please pray for the repose of: Albert S. Musuta, Kenneth Wasniewski & James Baird who all passed away.

If there is someone you want to add to our Council Sick List, contact PGK Joseph Matlon at 219-365-8353.

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We meet the First Tuesday of each month, 8:00PM in the lakeside hall at: **Kasey's Banquet Hall – 17800 Lorenz Ave, Lansing, IL 60438. Please bring your travel card & silence your phone!**

Birthdays

Have a Great Year!

KNIGHTS IN JANUARY - Richard S Braze 3rd, Richard J Podgorski 7th, Kenneth R Swiatek 8th, James P Montella 10th, Ronald J Sienicki 10th, Claude J Zajakowski 11th, Leonard J Siurek 12th, PGK Thomas H Cipich 13th, Michael J Cipich 16th, Bernard J Healy 17th, Peter Tyderek 21st, Nicholas De Laurentis 23rd, Ronald P Fisher 23rd, Frank W Maslanka 23rd, Michael F Leonard 26th, PGK Michael J Kabala 27th, PGK Matthew P Martinez 28th, Ralph C Corriere 29th.

KNIGHTS IN FEBRUARY - Stanley S Pamedis 4th, Paul Ferrantelli 5th, PGK James T Fill 6th, Rev Michael A Gabriel 6th, Carl T Nejman 6th, Robert T Burnley 14th, Peter J Kaminsky 16th, Bonaventure T Ogu 18th, Gregory W Howe 19th, Lance T Dal Santo 21st, John J Dyrek 21st, James P Leonard 23rd, Daniel T Murzyn 23rd, Olaf C Abrahamson 25th, Michael P Sweeney 25th, Steven R Robinette 28th.

COLUMBIAN CLUB REPORT

HAVE YOU JOINED US AT OUR EVENTS?

From everyone at Kasey's we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We have been busy here at the hall and our staff have been busy with bookings and events. This year we are booking up quick so if you have party that you would like to have at our hall please contact Mike or Deb in the office and they will take care of you. We have had to make some costly purchases over the past year including, repairs to the roof over the bar, replaced both water heaters, hall alarm and the dishwasher. Next year our goals are to get the roof repaired over the restaurant and the kitchen, along with the roof over the banquet hall. We will have some events coming up this year and if you would like to be placed on our email list please contact the office at columbianclub1@yahoo.com or (708)895-7720. Chris A. Siatta, President.



MARDI GRAS PARTY

SEE DETAILS BELOW!

All Souls Catholic Parish is holding a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 18th from 5-11PM. Tickets are \$20 for this 21 & over event. Tickets can either be bought at the parish office during their open hours, or after mass at the St. Ann Worship site.

DEACON REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

It's that time of the year to again think of what New Year's resolutions we will make (and eventually break). In order to better understand what a resolution is, let's look at the definition of "resolution" in the Britannica Dictionary: "a promise to yourself that you will make a serious effort to do something that you should do" [emphasis is mine]. The "something" in the resolution is to add something that is missing, change something that is not working properly, or remove something that is detrimental. Most New Year's resolutions involve exercising, giving up certain foods, or losing weight. All of these relate to physical health.

"If we look at ourselves and how we relate to God..."

In addition to physical health, we need to take care of our spiritual health, but we seldom make or hear of resolutions regarding spiritual health. If we look at ourselves and how we relate to God, to ourselves, and to others - which are the three aspects of spiritual health - we can see that at least one resolution could be made. In order to find out what needs to be done, we could ask ourselves several questions, the answers to which will give us reasons for resolutions.

What don't I like about what I am doing spiritually?

What is missing?

What am I doing that interferes with my spiritual development?

How can I grow closer to God? To Jesus? To Mary? To the saints, especially Fr. McGivney?

What can I do to improve my relationships with others?

Can I increase the good works I do for those less fortunate than me?

How can I eliminate hindrances that I have placed in my path to perfection?

From an answer to any of these questions we could come up with at least one resolution. The caution that we must take is that this resolve NOT be too large, too time consuming, too difficult. The best start would be a simple resolution that can be easily employed with an objective that is within close reach. Once a resolution has been made, a process should be put in place to follow-up and, if necessary, adjust, modify, or start over. We need to remember that failure is the result of our human nature, and that Jesus came not to save those who are successful but to save those who fail.

A good New Year's resolution, well kept, can be good practice to get us in shape for Lent, for Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching on February 22nd. Then, we will be working at improving our spiritual lives even more diligently. Deacon Jim Detloff.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FIELD AGENT

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE JOHN TODAY!

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year! It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?" Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!

"Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways..."

5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.



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Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

FRATERNAL BENEFIT SEMINAR

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT?

We have finalized arrangements with GA Louis White to present a Fraternal Benefit Seminar for our District (23). However, members from other districts are also invited. The topics will be Life Insurance, Long Term Care and Annuities. Attendance at this seminar will satisfy 1 of the 2 requirements for the Founder's Award for the State of Illinois Knights of Columbus. The details are as follows:

Location: Kacey's Banquet Hall 17800 Lorenz Ave Lansing IL

Date: January 26th, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Please submit a final count of your expected attendees to me by January 20th, 2023. As a reminder, a minimum of 7 participants is required for a council to earn credit. These need not be Knights. Family members and friends are welcome. However, they do need to be at least 18 years of age. We plan to have a 2nd seminar before the end of the FY. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me Keith L. Betton, DD 23 (708)699-0130.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

CAN YOU HELP OUT AT THIS EVENT?

The Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 15, 2023. If you are able to come out and help we will be prepping at 6 am for an 8 am start. More information will be available at the January general meeting.

HOLIDAY CHEER

CAN YOU DONATE TO HELP?

The 18th Annual Holiday Cheer Program has begun. We are asking members to contribute the suggested \$1.00 per month for twelve months. Members can contribute more if they would like to do so. All collected funds will be distributed May 31, 2023. This program was sent out with your December 2022 dues notices that were mailed out to the council. If you have not donated to this Program please do so. Thank you, Chairperson, PGK & F.S. Pete Marx



COATS FOR KIDS

HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US - IN THE COMMUNITY

This year with your help we gave away 4 coats to kids on Calumet City FOP's annual toy run. The remainder of the coats will be divided up for schools to distribute to students who need them.

COUNCIL SPELLING BEE

LET FAMILIES KNOW OF THIS EVENT



The Knights of Columbus - Lansing Council # 3540 is sponsoring our annual spelling bee contest, which will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2023. Registration will begin at 10:00am and the contest will start at 10:30am. This event will be held at Kasey's Banquet Hall, Lakeside room located at 17800 Lorenz Ave, Lansing. This event is open for Girls and Boys from 5th grade to 8th grade. This competition is FREE to the public at no cost. The First, Second and Third place winners will receive a trophy and compete in the Regional Spelling Bee, which will take place in March 2023. The Chairperson is Pete Marx.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

A RECAP



On Saturday, December 17, Lansing Council #3540 hosted our 7th annual Christmas Show. This year we were treated to the World's Premier Johnny Cash tribute. TERRY LEE GOFFEE entertained the crowd with a wonderful rendition of the songs of The Man in Black. Johnny Cash was an American country singer-songwriter. Cash is one of the best-selling music artists of all

time, having sold more than 90 million records worldwide! In a very rare feat, he was inducted into the COUNTRY MUSIC, ROCK & ROLL and GOSPEL MUSIC Halls of Fame.



A crowd of approximately 225 were present for this fun-filled evening. Along with a Cash Bar, TWO 45-minute sets, sung by Terry Lee Goffee, and a VERY delicious buffet dinner was served by Steve and Tasha Garcia, the Caterers of all the events at Kasey's Banquet Hall. There were 5 different raffle drawings, along with TWO 50/50 drawings, as well. A BIG THANKYOU to our fellow Brother Knights, Tom Cipich and Tommy Lessner, who manned the raffle tables for ALL night, almost 6 hours! The success of both of our 50/50 drawing

raffles would not be possible without the relentless and persistent selling of tickets by our fellow Brother Knight, Dean Hope and his wife and Columbian Lady, Cindy Hope! Every year the pots get bigger and bigger! THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the both of you from the bottom of my heart! Also, a special word of thanks to ALL others who stepped up BIG time to help out, either by selling tickets, cleaning up, or just being there with a willingness to lend a hand. Finally, it's NOT me that makes these shows a big success, BUT it's you, your families and friends to help get out the word and for attending this annual event, year after year! Without your participation, these Christmas Shows don't happen. I'm already looking forward to a very HIGH ENERGY 8th annual Christmas Show next December 16, featuring a VERY talented 5-man tribute band, transforming the HALL into a beach party, reminiscing & singing the songs of America's Band, THE BEACH BOYS! Vivat Jesus! Chairman Michael Kabala, PGK.



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COUNCIL CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS...

January 3rd ... Lansing Council General Meeting Lansing Council General Meeting, Kasey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

January 4th ... Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, Bishop Sheen Council #10858 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL 7:30p.m.

January 15th ... Council Pancake Breakfast Kasey’s Restaurant...8 a.m.- 12p.m.

January 16th... Columbian Club Meeting Kasey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

January 26th ... Fraternal Benefit Seminar Kasey’s Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.

January 28th ... Council Spelling Bee Kasey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 10:00 a.m. Registration 10:30 a.m. event starts.

January 31st ... Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kasey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

February 1st ... Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, Brother William Kerkel #5866 147th and Keeler Ave., Midlothian, IL, 7:30 p.m.

February 7th ... Lansing Council General Meeting, Kasey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

February 18th ... 4th Degree Exemplification Sheraton Hotel Conference Center 3000 Warrenville Road Lisle, IL 60532, Registration 10:15 a.m.

February 20th ... Columbian Club Meeting Kasey’s Restaurant...Kasey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

February 28th ... Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kasey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR OUR SWIMMING ATHLETES

On Tuesday December 13, 2022, our Special Olympics Christmas party was held at Kasey’s banquet hall, and 100 people attended dinner, all athletes received a gift from Santa, a good time was had by all. More photos will be added to the council website, soon.